

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 29, 2011

SENATE BILL

No. 694

Introduced by Senator Padilla

February 18, 2011

An act to add ~~and repeal~~ Section 1622 ~~of~~ to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dental care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 694, as amended, Padilla. Dental care.

Existing law establishes within the Department of Consumer Affairs, a Dental Board of California. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California.

This bill would require the Director of Consumer Affairs ~~to report to the Legislature, by September 1, 2012, regarding access to dental care. The bill would make specified findings and declarations in that regard, in collaboration with the board, to convene a working group to conduct an analysis of the dental care needs of California residents, subject to specified criteria and standards.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 1622 is added to the Business and*
- 2 *Professions Code, to read:*
- 3 *1622. (a) The Director of Consumer Affairs, in collaboration*
- 4 *with the board, shall convene a working group to advise the state*
- 5 *on solutions to address the growing dental care needs of California*
- 6 *residents.*

1 (b) *The working group shall analyze the population of children*
2 *who would be newly eligible to receive dental health services under*
3 *the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public*
4 *Law 111-148). The working group shall determine the workforce*
5 *requirements to meet the needs of these newly insured children,*
6 *considering the regional needs and capabilities required. The*
7 *working group may engage the expertise of stakeholders to assist*
8 *in this analysis.*

9 (c) *The analysis completed pursuant to this section shall be*
10 *made available to the Legislature and the public upon request.*

11 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
12 ~~following:~~

13 ~~(a) Many Californians do not have adequate access to dental~~
14 ~~care.~~

15 ~~(b) Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood~~
16 ~~disease in the United States.~~

17 ~~(c) Nearly one-quarter of all children under 12 years of age in~~
18 ~~California have never been to a dentist.~~

19 ~~(d) More than 1.8 million adults have not been to a dentist in~~
20 ~~five or more years.~~

21 ~~(e) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that~~
22 ~~would identify the best solutions to meet the current and growing~~
23 ~~dental care needs of California's residents.~~

24 ~~SEC. 2. Section 1622 is added to the Business and Professions~~
25 ~~Code, to read:~~

26 ~~1622. (a) The Director of Consumer Affairs shall compile~~
27 ~~information regarding access to dental care in California. The~~
28 ~~director shall submit a report of its findings to the Legislature by~~
29 ~~September 1, 2012.~~

30 ~~(b) The report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall~~
31 ~~be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government~~
32 ~~Code.~~

33 ~~(c) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this~~
34 ~~section shall become inoperative on September 1, 2016, and shall~~
35 ~~be repealed as of January 1, 2017.~~